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The Examiner's independent consideration of all of these documents and their relevance before issuance of the first official action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is also requested to initial and return a copy of the accompanying form PTO-1449 to evidence such consideration.

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